

THE COMPANY STORE (K-425)
Lynch, Maryland
(late 19th)

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

The Company Store

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Northeast corner Md. 561 and
Railroad tracks

CITY, TOWN

Lynch

VICINITY OF

1st

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

Kent

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☒ OTHER storehouse**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Kenneth G. Parrish

Telephone #: 301-648-5448

STREET & NUMBER
P.O. Box 98

CITY, TOWN

Galena

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21635**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Kent County Court House

Liber #: E H P 69

Folio #: 725

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

K-425

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The charming "Company Store" building in Lynch is a 24 foot square, one-story structure with a low hipped roof. It is frame and the roof is covered in corrugated metal sheathing. The building rests on a brick foundation.

The main entry is in the west facade, just a few feet from the edge of Rt. 561, Lynch's main street. A later shed roofed porch with chamfered posts shelters the front of the building and, if the chairs in place are an indication, once served as a community gathering place. There are a pair of entry doors with upper lights and recessed lower panels edged with bolection moldings. Like the windows in the building, the doors are set in plain frames. On either side of the door are large windows with 6/6 sash and wooden shutters with three panels with ogee panel moldings.

Windows on the sides and rear of the building are less regularly spaced but have the same description as those on the front. There is an additional entry door in the rear of the facade to provide access to the back rooms. This doorway has a transom light and a door with a four-light sash and a pair of lower panels.

In spite of its size and function, the building is elegantly proportioned and cleanly detailed. The eaves of roof are finished with a cyma recta and fillet crown-mold and the top of the wall is finished by a crisp, wide fascia. The corners of the structure are emphasized by wide, plain cornerboards with an extremely bold quirked bead at the corners. In contrast to the strength of these bold edges, the wall surface is covered with flat and delicate German Shiplap siding. The clay chimney pot behind the roof peak is provides an almost whimsical touch to this Greek Revival structure.

The interior is divided into three rooms, the main store room and two back rooms. Store shelves, some with cabinets below are located on the rear wall of the main room and between the windows.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1870-75

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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This building, on the other hand, was obviously constructed with a special purpose in mind. In that regard, as well as in style, it recalls the offices on Lawyers Row in Chestertown, buildings that date from about the same period.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marsha L. Fritz, Survey Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Kent County Planning Commission

DATE

778-4600, ext.67

STREET & NUMBER

Court House

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland 21620

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

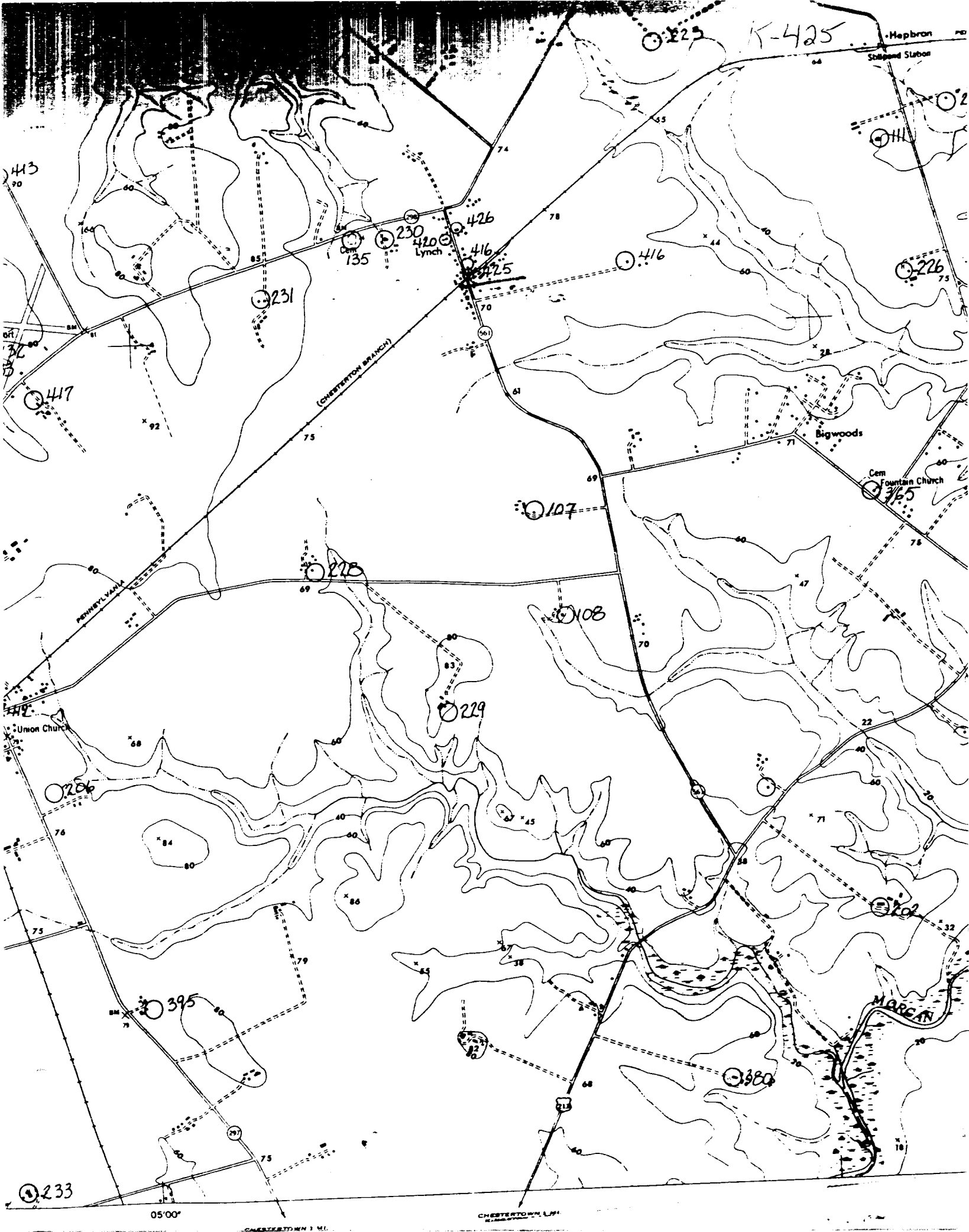
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The Company Store

view to Northeast

Lynch

Kent County

M.L. Fritz

2/1980

J. Tyler Campbell

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